REMARKS

Claims 33-45 are pending in the application. The claims have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,508,836 and 6,579,312. A terminal disclaimer is being filed concurrently herewith under 37 C.F.R. § 1.3121(c). Accordingly, the double patenting rejection is obviated.

It is respectfully requested that the pending claims be allowed at the earliest convenience. The undersigned can be reached at (310) 824-5555 to facilitate prosecution of the application.

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